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ENP01F123042 2/01/VCJ/R116-72 RPT 2/01/VCJ/R116-72 SUMMARY OF VIEHWAMESE COMMUNIST ACTIVITY IN THE DMZ, DRV, MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE, MR-5, AND LAOS WHICH HAS BECOME AVAILABLE DURING THE PERIOD 221000Z A- 230959Z APRIL 1972.

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SITUATION SUMMARY, IN COMMUNICATIONS SERVING THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF REAR SERVICES AND IN NORTH VIETNAM NO SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY WAS OBSERVED, WHILE IN THE DMZ AREA UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS REFERENCED CAPTURED PRISONERS. IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 304TH DIVISIONS DISCLOSED A PLAN TO FIRE ON LA VANG, WHILE IN MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE THE 803RD REGIMENT, NVA 324B DIVISION ISSUED AN ALLIED DISPOSITION REPORT. FINALLY, IN MILITARY REGION 5, ELEMENTS OF THE 140TH TRANS- PORTATION BATTALION REPORTED THE MOVEMENT OF ARTILLERY. I. EASTERN/CENTRAL DMZ, UNIDENTIFIED, IN A MESSAGE OF 22 APRIL BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED, UNLOCATED NVA MILITARY ELEMENTS, REFERENCE WAS MADE IN UNCLEAR TEXT TO \$A NUMBER OF THE ENEMY\$. FURTHER, REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE ANNIHILATION OF 14 OF THE \$ENEMY\$ AND THE \$CAPTURE\$ OF 18. FINALLY, IT WAS REVEALED THAT \$IN THAT NUMBER WAS ONE PLATOON LEADER\$, AND POSSIBLY THREE WARRIORS, POSSIBLY TWO PRC 25'S, TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, FOUR M-79'S, 10 KNAPSACKS, ONE CAMERA, ONE WATCH, 60 M-79 ROUNDS AND POSSIBLY 10 BANDOLIERS. (2/01/VCJ/T1319-72 DTG 2211615Z APRIL 72) II. QUANG TRI PROVINCE; 304TH DIVISION, MESSAGE ACTIVITY OF 22 APRIL BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE NVA 304TH DIVISION STATED THAT UNSPECIFIED COMMUNIST PERSONNEL WERE TO \$FIRE ON LA VANG (YD 345 496, 16-43N 107-12E) AND TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH AREA 132 (UNLOCATED)\$. IN ANOTHER MESSAGE BETWEEN UNSPECIFIED NVA 304TH ELEMENTS, FIVE TANKS, A TRUCK CONVEY AND VEHICLES TOWING ARTILLERY WERE REFERENCED IN UNCLEAR TEXT AND ALSO REFERENCED A HU1A AIRCRAFT POSSIBLY PROTECTING THE ROAD FROM QUANG TRI TO HAI LANG (YDN416 479, 16-42N 107-16E). (2/01/VCJ/T1323-72 DTG 222117Z APR 72 + T1322-72 DTG 222055Z APR 72) III. MILITARY REGION TRI-THIEN-HUE; A. 324B DIVISION, A MESSAGE ON 21 APRIL PASSED BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS OF THE 803RD REGIMENT, 324B DIVISION REPORTED \$TH E LOCAL NEWS UP TO THE FOOT OF LY HY\$ (FIRE SUPPORT BASE RIFLE, YC 862 989, 16-15N 107-40E); \$ONE C (COMPANY) OF BLACK AMERICANS WENT UP TO TROC DA\$ (NUI DA NAY, YD 851 101, 16-21N 107-40E); \$ONE B (PLATOON) MADE SOME BLOCKING MOVEMENTS AT AN OPENING INTO THE JUNGLE AT HAI THUY\$ (YD 865 015, 16-17N 107-41E); (ONE B (PLATOON) OF BLACK AMERICANS WENT UP TO HOEN SUOI (MOUNTAIN, YD 760 093, 16-21N 107-35E) AND WERE STRUCK BY C-12\$ (COMPANY 12, 3RD BATTALION, 803RD REGIMENT); \$ONE B (PLATOON) OF PUPPETS (ARVNS) IS STILL AT THE FORTIFICATIONS ON HILL 274\$ (YD 776 055, 16-19N 107-36E). FURTHER IT WAS STATED THAT ON THE MORNING OF 21 APRIL, AN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENT WENT UP TO HILL 274 AND WAS STRUCK, ALSO ONE

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AD6 (AIRCRAFT) STRUCK WITH BOMBS AT 0100G. FINALLY, IT WAS RE-VEALED THAT A FORMATION OF FOUR HEAVY ARMED COMPANIES (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) HAD BEEN ACTIVE ALONG THE SECOND BRANCH OF THE RIVER (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED), AND \$FROM TAN BA\$ (PHU BAI COMBAT BASE, YD 905 125, 16-23N 107-44E) \$TO LY HY, THE ARTILLERY FIRED DIRECTLY ON THE ROAD TO HOUNG THO.\$ (UNLOCATED) (2/F1/VCM/T1324-72 DTG 231015Z APR 72) A MESSAGE PASSED ON 22 APRIL BETWEEN UNIDENTIFIED ELEMENTS ON THE 803RD REGIMENT, 324B DIVISION REFERENCED ~~IN UNCLEAR TEXT~~ OF HEADQUARTERS OF D2 (BATTALION 2) POSSIBLY OF E1 (REGIMENT 1) WAS AT HON BAY (POSSIBLY HOAN GAY LOCATED AT YD 750 087, 16-21N 107-34E). FURTHER IT WAS STATED THAT ONE COMPANY (NOT FURTHER IDENTIFIED) WAS AT HILL 378 (YD 706 058, 16-19N 107-32E), AND ONE COMPANY POSSIBLY SUBORDINATE TO D1/1 (BATTALION ONE, REGIMENT ONE) AT AN UNDISCLOSED LOCATION. (2/F1/VCM/1317-72 DTG 231221Z APR 72 VICE DTG 221500Z APR 72 B. UNIDENTIFIED NVA MILITARY, THE FOLLOWING UNEVALUATED INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE. ON 21 APRIL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE FIRST ASTD FROM ENEMY MESSAGE ACTIVITY OF 20 APRIL. QUOTE HOLD 375 (PROBABLE HIGH POINT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO FSB BIRMINGHAM) AND THEN RETURN TO COMRADE VOI (VOOI). HAVING CHOSEN THEN RETURN AT A SECTION NEAR FSB BIRMINGHAM. THIS PLACE HAS GOOD COER. CONTINUE TO FIRE INTO BIRMINGHAM AS THE NEED ARISES UNQUOTE. ~~(ISHTAR)~~ (TACREP NR 1362-72 PAEP USM 808/ALFA FOXTROT DTG 230256Z APR 72) THE FOLLOWING UNEVALUATED INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM ANOTHER SOURCE. ON 23 APRIL THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE FIRST ASTD DERIVED FROM INTERCEPTED ENEMY MESSAGE ACTIVITY OF 22 APRIL. QUOTE BATTALIONS THREE AND FOUR (POSSIBLY 3RD BATTALION, 803RD REGIMENT AND 4TH BATTALION 812TH REGIMENT) ARE ABOUT TO LEAVE THE AREA AROUND FSB BIRMINGHAM TO RETURN TO 6L (UNLOCATED) TO STRIKE THE ENEMY AT HIGHPOINT 234 (PROBABLE HIGHPOINT IN THE FSB BASTONGE-FSB BIRMINGHAM ARE) UNQUOTE. XXHH 900 #0222 NNNN

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